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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Working on a yearbook staff is an experience. Everyone on the yearbook staff has his or her unique writing or layout style. Putting together a uniform yearbook takes a lot of compromise from each student.

Work! A lot of work goes into each page of the yearbook. Each student interviews people on campus for copy information; sets up pictures for the photographers; writes headlines, titles, and captions; and finally arrives with a composed page which is ready to send to the publisher, we hope before deadline..

Deadlines are a tense time with the yearbook staff and especially with our instructor. As the deadline draws nearer, she gets nervous and starts to push us hard about getting our pages done. Unfinished pages mean a late delivery date.

This year the yearbook is actually going to be two magazines. One edition will be handed out at spring enrollment and the other edition distributed before school is out in May.

Thank you to everyone who has helped get this edition of the yearbook done.

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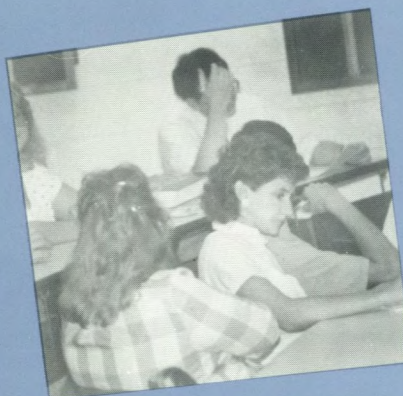
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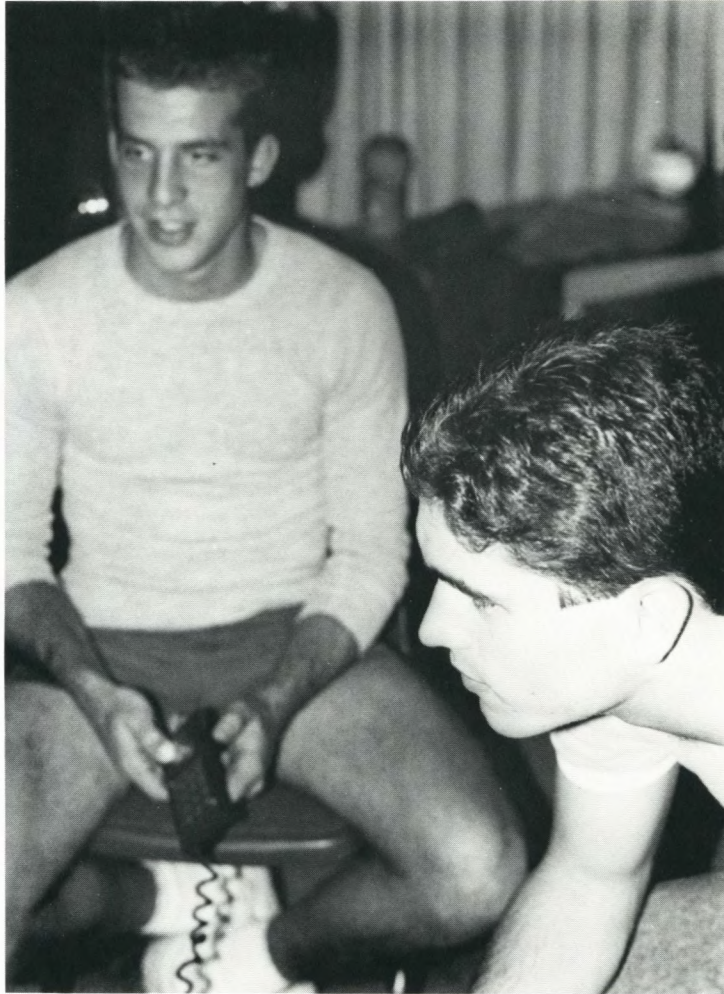
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Dorm life consists of many activities. Tim Churchman, Kansas City freshman, and Kevin Greene, Atlanta sophomore, spend time playing baseball on a video game. (Photo by Merry Murray)



Life in the Dorms

By Angie Lang

Dorm life at college is unique in its own way. There are 287 BCCC students who live on campus and each portray his own unique life style. Sometimes attending a community college makes everyone living in housing become close.

Bill Murry, student housing director, said, "Students living on campus become more intimate because of the small environment."

Before moving on campus many students had their own expectations of life in the dorms. After moving in many find it different than they expected.

Many students thought the rooms would be crowded. They said they were not looking forward to fighting for the

bathroom.

Being alone and learning to meet new people were some other difficulties students thought they would have to face, but they found the campus full of friendly faces and warm smiles.

Even though students living on campus seem to have everything all together by now, many still had to make adjustments in the beginning.

Most students were used to their parents providing for their needs, like washing clothes, making their beds and always being there for them. Learning to live on their own takes some getting used to.

Some feel the opposite way. Charlie Meadows, Tucson, Ariz., sophomore, said, "I like being away from home. You

don't have to put up with the family atmosphere."

If the student were an only child he might have trouble getting used to sharing and being surrounded by lots of people.

There are also privacy problems, Tammy Anderson, Johnson sophomore, said, "I like being surrounded by the people, but sometimes it's hard to find a quiet place."

Some students like studying alone or when it is quiet. This makes it difficult when there is little privacy and little silence.

The walls are thin also and this makes sleeping sometimes difficult when suitemates come in late or get up early in the morning.

Another problem students have is getting along with their roommates.

Everyday problems can make roommates change rooms. Usually roommates get along fine. The housing office tries to put people together who are compatible.

Wendy Bessels, Assaria sophomore, said, "They put people together with the same interests and same backgrounds."

Students say there are advantages and disadvantages of each housing phase. Most students prefer the solars because they're closer to campus, more private, bigger and they like having their own bathroom.

The disadvantages of the solars are not having a lobby and not meeting as many people.

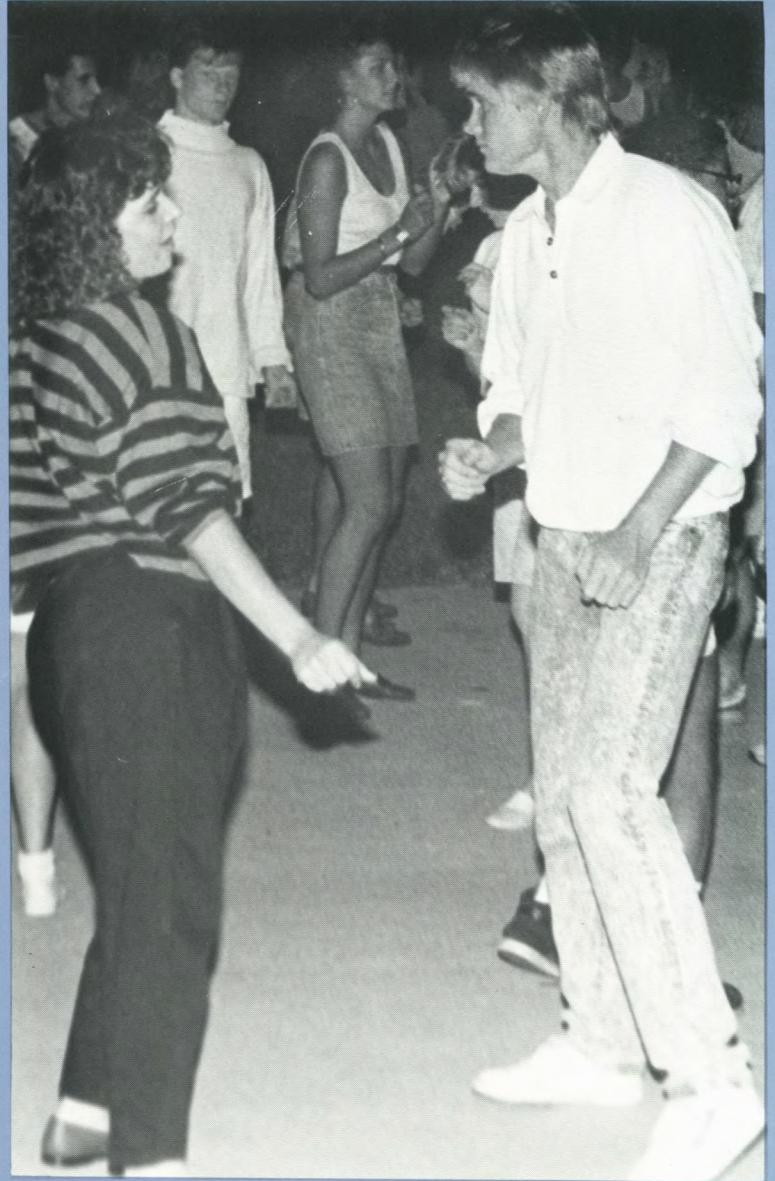
Living in the units, residents become close to all eight of their suitemates. However, having only one window and all sharing a bathroom can be difficult.

The trailers on the other hand are very similar to the solars except they are newer. The only disadvantages are the fact that they are smaller than the other rooms and farthest away from campus.

Overall the students said they like living on campus. They like the convenience to classes and the cafeteria. Most of all they liked the friendly atmosphere and close involvement with other students.



Ange Kasper, Clay Center sophomore, Wendy Bessel, Assaria sophomore, and Tammy Anderson, Johnson sophomore, take time out from studying to decorate their unit for Halloween. (Photo by Busarind Rogers)



Monica Skolaut, Olmitz freshman, and Kevin Smith, Hoisington sophomore, dance to the band, West 1st Street, during a back to school dance. (Photo by Steve Moris).



Dana Paddock, Great Bend sophomore; Laura Knipp, Plainville sophomore; and Amy Reynolds, Salina freshman; enjoy themselves while eating watermelon at a back to school picnic. (Photo by Steve Moris)



Jerry Brull, Lucas freshman, gets down and dirty while playing mud volleyball. (Photo by Steve Moris).

Kick back, relax

After a week of work and school, most students are ready for a little time off to relax and recuperate.

A lot of students unwind by sleeping or watching tv, while others cruise Main or hit the local bars.

Students often gather in a dorm and watch rented movies. It seems to be an enjoyable way to get together with friends, and is less expensive than going out to a movie.

Kim Walker, Dallas sophomore, and Keva Mackey, Nassau, Bahamas, freshman, spend their weekends going to the zoo, shopping, and eating ice cream.



Bonnie Sutley, Salina freshman, takes time to read her speech assignment. (Photo by Merry Murray)



Many students play golf on weekends as a way to relax and have fun. (photo by Steve Buhler)

To get away for awhile Mike Siefkes, Great Bend freshman, says he likes to go out of town, usually to Hays, Salina or Wichita and find a party.

Some students escape from daily pressures by getting away for awhile. Many students return to their home towns to visit with family and friends.

John Klie, St. Francis sophomore, travels to Kansas City on weekends to see his girlfriend.

Patrice Felder, Long Island, N.Y. freshman, says she and her friends go to Sterling College, and "just hang out on campus."

"I just lay in bed all day and watch football games."

-Lance Miller-



Jody Richardson, Hebron, Neb., freshman, and Travis Cape, Great Bend freshman, get together with friends at Burger King. The fact that the business stays open until 2 a.m. on weekends makes it a popular hangout for students. (Photo by Merry Murray)

“Weekends are a good time to relieve the pressures accumulated at school.”

-Mike Siefkes-

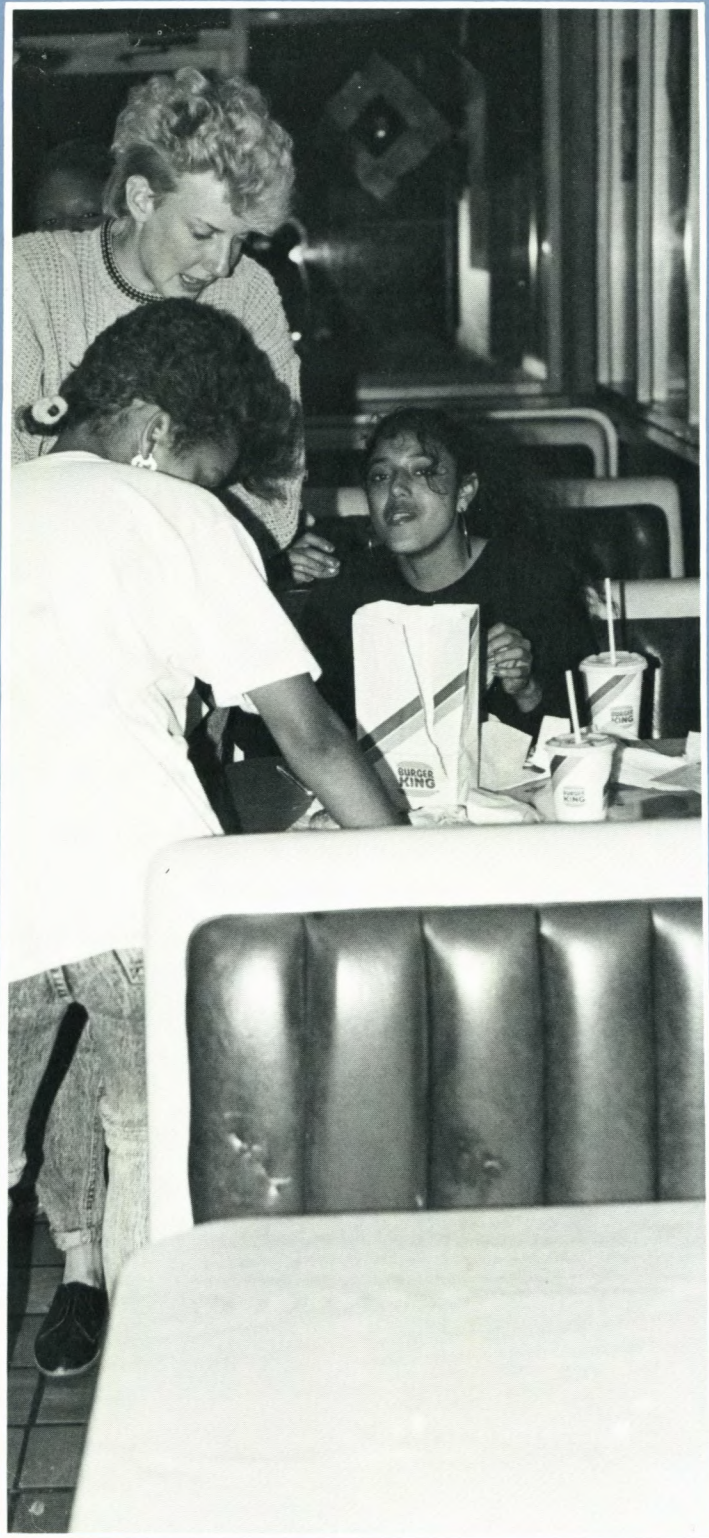
“There’s nothing to do” is a common complaint of students who come here from bigger towns.

Students from a large town may miss the larger variety of things to do. Yet they do the same things here that they would do at home, such as shopping, going to bars, and hanging out with friends.

“Weekends are a time to release energy and have a little fun,” Bruce Richardson, Great Bend freshman, said. On weekends, Richardson likes to play golf and go out to local bars.



Debbie Williams, Dorchester, Mass., freshman, Lance Miller, Vacherie, La., sophomore, and Rachel Lehman, Junction City sophomore, get together to watch a football game. (Photo by Steve Moris)



Anna Vargas, Philadelphia sophomore, Jody Richardson, Hebron, Neb., freshman, and Mary Valerio, Chicago sophomore, take time for a midnight snack. (Photo by Merry Murray)

Students with no transportation do have more of a problem with finding things to do because they are dependent on others to drive, or to let them borrow their car. Weekends can be rather boring for those who have no means of transportation.

Rodney L. Moore I., Elyria, Ohio freshman, spends his weekends sitting in his room, talking to friends, and studying.

Moore said, "If you don't have a car, you don't have much to do. We're out here in the middle of nowhere. If town wasn't so far away, I'd walk. Instead, I'm stuck out here in the boonies."

Lance Miller, Vacherie, La., sophomore, also does not have a car. "I just lay in bed all day and watch football games."

Many students, especially those from Great Bend, still like to cruise Main. It's a place to meet each other and talk.

College students who have friends that are still in high school cruise Main because that's often the only chance they get to see their high school friends. It's also a good way to meet people.

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Students advance academically

By Julie Waknitz

Barton County Community College plays an important role with helping students advance academically. Instructors from different departments play an important role in a student's life. An instructor teaches the student the subject he is enrolled in and brings out the student's potential. Instructors are there for the students. "We have dedicated instructors to help the student be the best he or she can be. We bring out potential in students that may be glossed over in a big institution because we do take a personal interest," commented Sandy Donley, Sociology instructor.

"I think the instructors take a personal interest in us. They care about how we perform in class and if we show up for it," said Crystal Dixon, Great Bend

freshman. They are a lot different than high school teachers. They make sure we understand our assignments and if we don't we can always call them at their offices or homes," said John Faulk, Stafford Freshman.

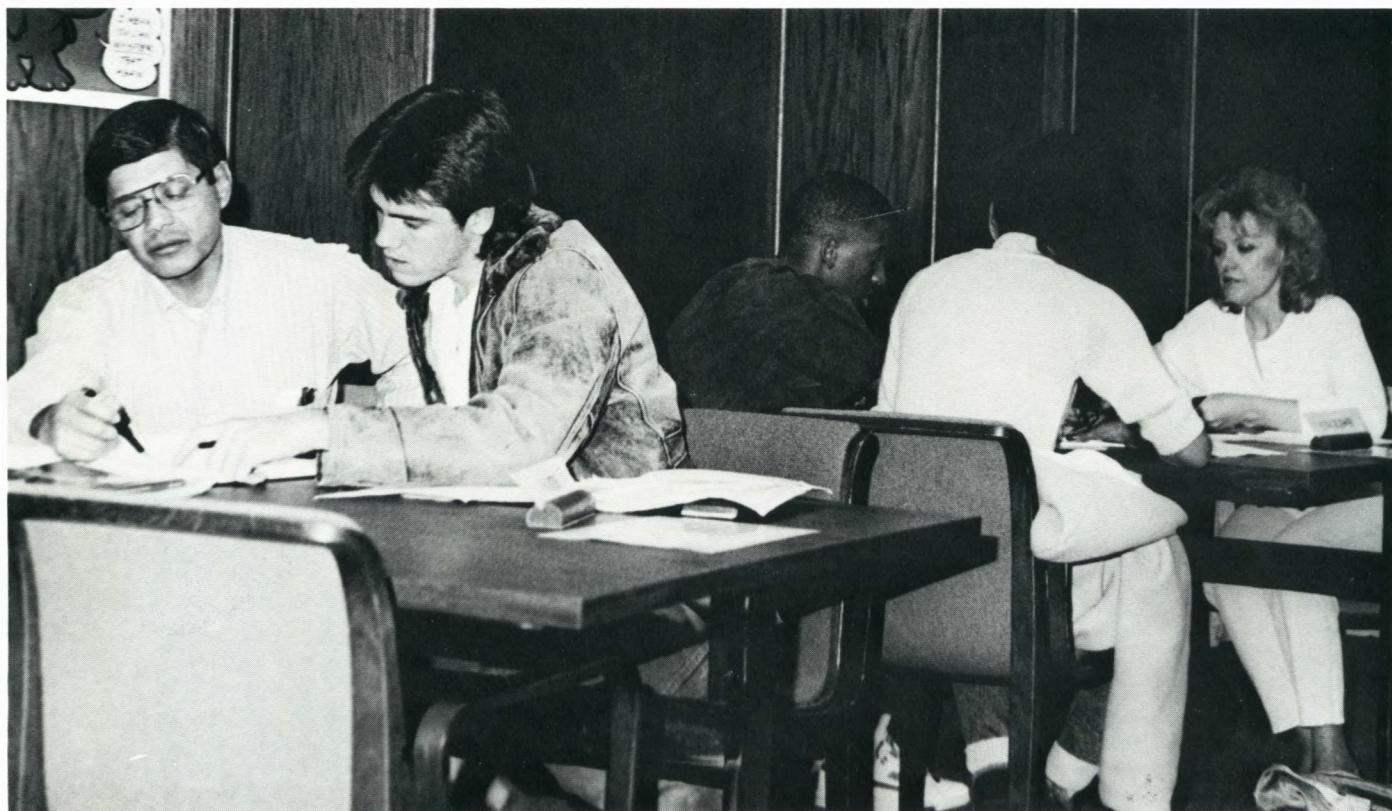
BCCC is a small step into the real world. It is about half the size as a four-year institution but it helps prepare students for their future. Aimee Willesden, Great Bend freshman, said, "I chose to go to BCCC because it's close to home. Also to save money for next year when I go to Fort Hays State University."

"The biggest advantage that BCCC offers for the traditional age student is a smaller social setting which a student may become acclimated to college life. It's not so overwhelming. The two year

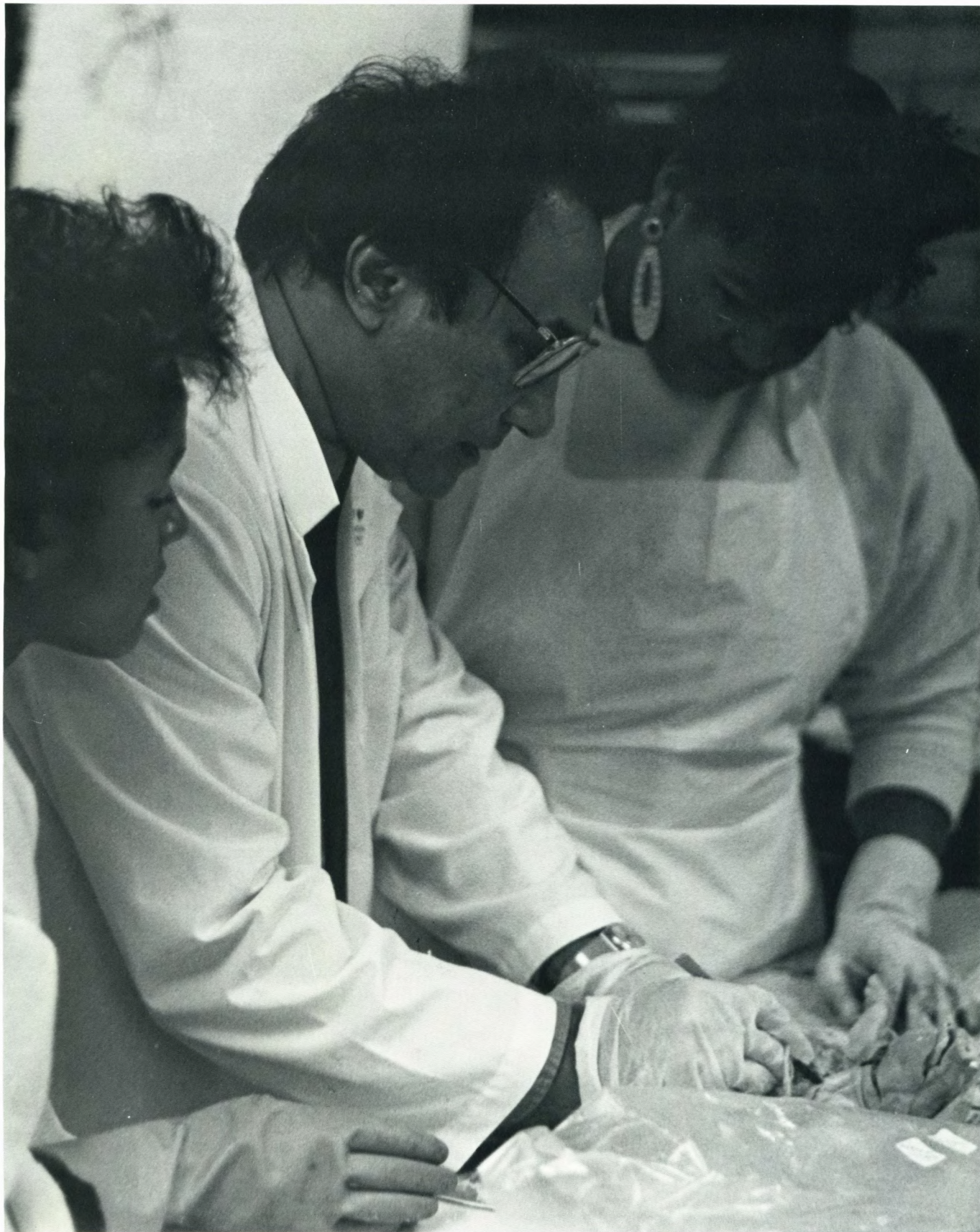
community college better prepares the traditional, as well as the non-traditional student for the impersonal attitude of being just a number in a large institution. The psychological benefits of going to a junior college before going on to a larger school are very worth while," Donley said.

Janelle Kerschner, Ellinwood freshman, said, "I chose BCCC because I got two scholarships and I think it's easier to make a transition to a four-year school from a two-year junior college."

Although it seems to the student only a short time attending BCCC, it plays an important role with helping students achieve academically throughout their lives.



At the north end of the library Louis Guttierrez, a math tutor, helps Micahael Petermann, Holyrood sophomore, with calculus. (Photo by Mark Shauers)



Karen Draper, Wichita sophomore, Dr. Mentor David, biology instructor, and Kristine Johnson, Great Bend sophomore, dissect a fetal pig in biology lab. (Photo by Steve Moris)



Miriam Biays, Ellinwood freshman, obtains the signature of the High Priest of the Fine Arts Division on her Olympian Quest for knowledge. (Photo by Steve Moris)

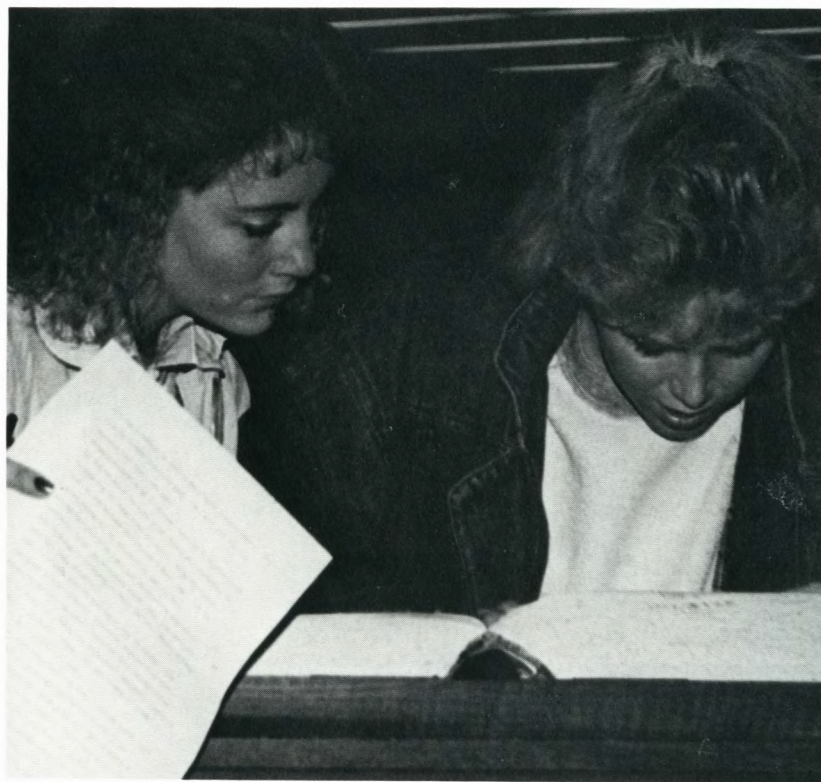
Olympian Quest

Jerry Curtis, Ellinwood freshman purchases bake sale goodies from Barbara Eis, Perry sophomore, Debra Hoilen, Great Bend freshman, and Adrienne Guillory, Bennington sophomore, members of the Occupational Therapy Club.

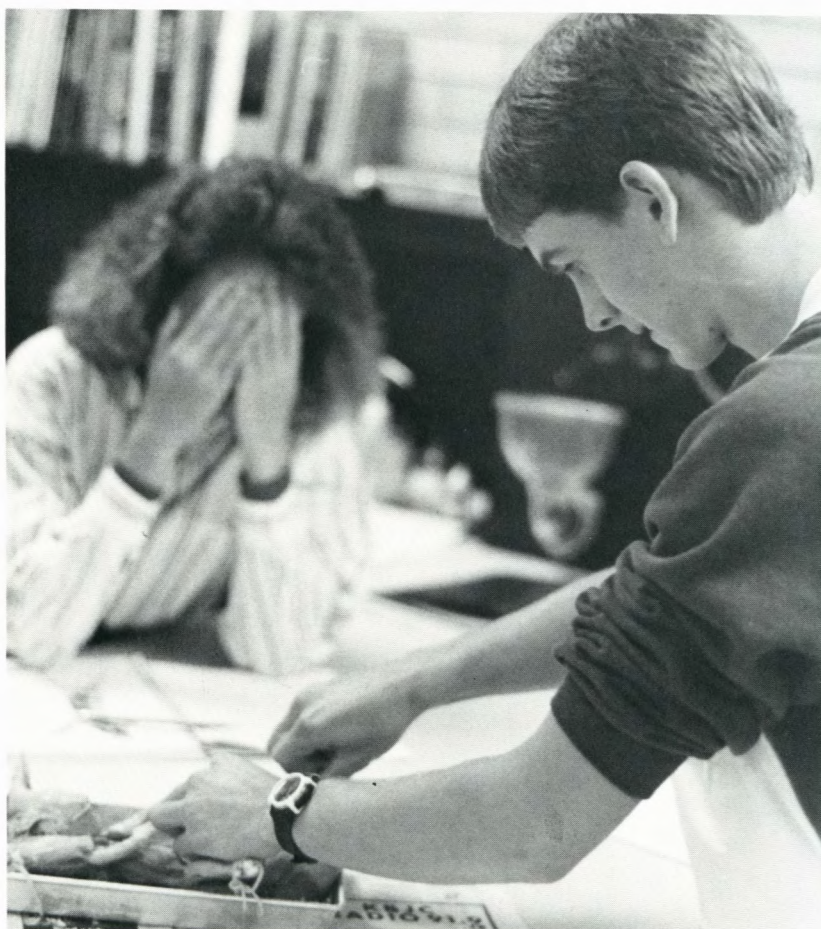


Pat Starbuck, Great Bend sophomore, majoring in Medical Laboratory Technician completes work for one of her classes.

Kristen Hibbert, St. John freshman, and Donna Creep, Ulysses freshman search for clues in the Olympian Quest. (Photo by Margaret Shauers)



Nisha Manley, Portsmouth, Va. freshman, and Dana Randolph, Great Bend freshman, make dresses out of trash bags for a project in Clothing and Society. (Photo by Merry Murry).



Sean Dunivent, Salisbury Mo. freshman plays doctor with a fetal pig and Pam Dethrage, Great Bend sophomore, would rather be in the waiting room. (Photo by Steve Moris)



Occupational Therapy students experiment by putting themselves in the shoes of a handicapped person and learning what it is like to be helpless and dependent. This unidentified OT student is being fed by a fellow student (Photo by Margaret Shauers).

Reta Wynne, Hudson sophomore, helps out Loran Chisom, Great Bend freshman, with his accounting. (Photo by Maragret Shauers).



Styles change with seasons

By Shelly Flaherty

"Fashions and styles change every six months, and cosmetology is an exciting career because things are always changing," Ruby Brown, head of the BCCC cosmetology department, said.

In Kansas, cosmetology students must be enrolled in 1500 clock hours or 188 school days in beauty school, and a GED or high school diploma is required.

At the Academy of Beauty, cosmetology students take courses in hair color, manicure, bacteriology, chemistry,

Kansas law, and nail disease, just to name a few.

Students must have 320 hours of constant lab class dealing with all the procedures, along with lectures, demonstrations, and class participation to prepare them for work on clients in salons.

"Cosmetology is something that computers can't take over," Brown said. "It's a people-caring, people-skilled service we do. We like to think we make people feel better about themselves."

Senate plans activities for campus

By Shelly Flaherty

This year, the Student Senate has had lots of activities for BCCC students, such as dances, nooners, and contests.

To be elected into Student Senate, candidates must first fill out an information form and submit a petition with 50 signatures. Then the candidates campaign, and the student body votes for the officers.

This year's officers are President Tonja Vallin, Long Island sophomore; Vice-President Karen Becker, Portis sophomore; Secretary/Treasurer Miriam Biays, Ellinwood freshman; and Senators at Large Michelle Wondra, Great Bend freshman and Sharon Schierlman, Towanda sophomore.



Members of Student Senate meet in the Crow's Nest to discuss upcoming events. (Photo by Merry Murray)



Debbie Loucks, Assaria freshman, Julie Lund, Salina freshman, Shawn McFarren, Hutchinson freshman, and Dan Pletcher, Smith Center freshman, dance the night away. (Photo by Steve Moris)

Club revitalizing

By Julie Waknitz

The Newman Club is sponsored by the Dodge City diocese. It is a Catholic support group for local students and students who are away from home. Julie Thill, Ellinwood sophomore and Monica Skolaut are the coordinators for the club this year.

"They usually try to have a freshman and a sophomore coordinator. I was elected as a coordinator and then we all nominated Julie Thill as the other coordinator," Skolaut said.

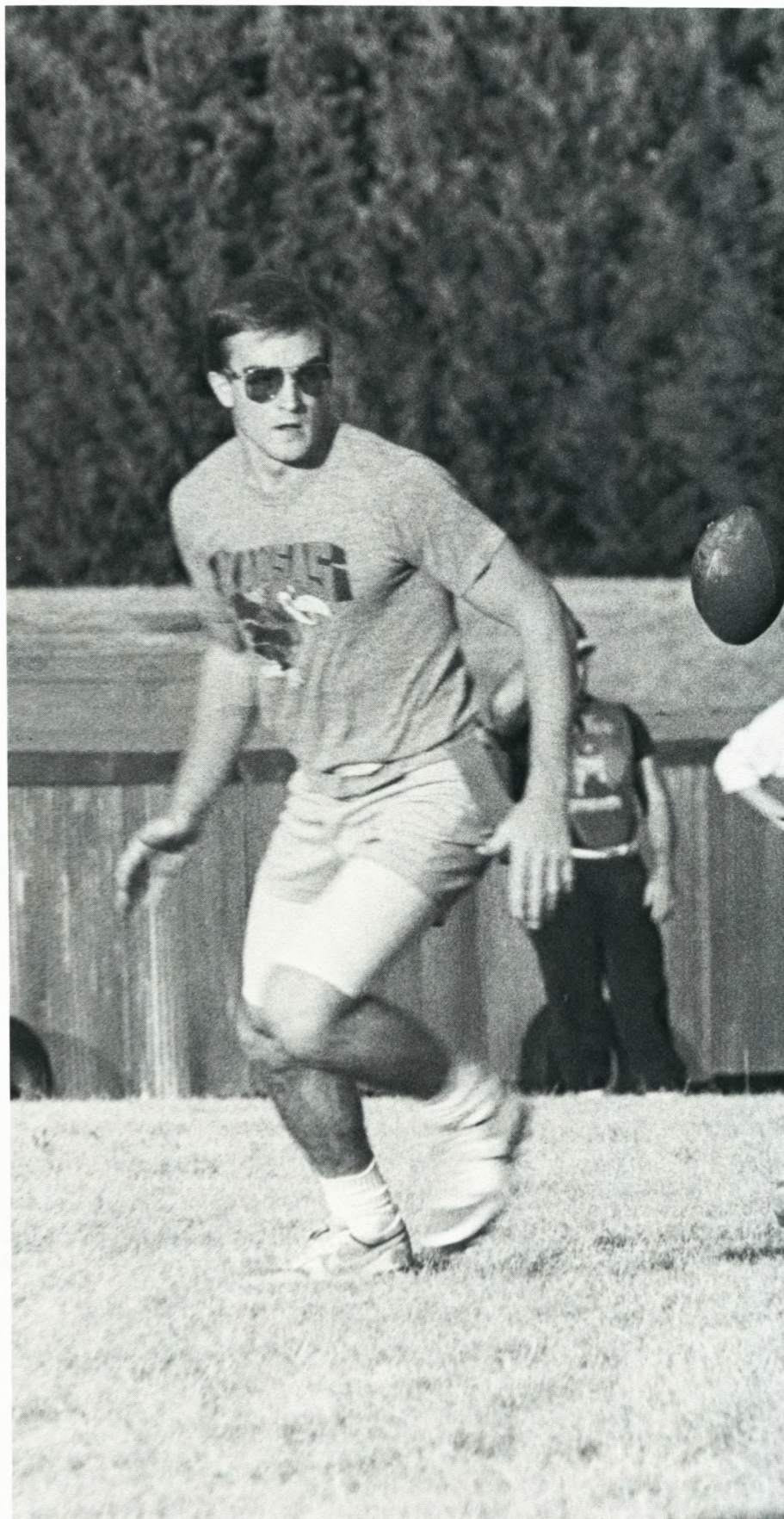
To raise money for the club a bake sell was held and a turkey was raffled off. The turkey raffle tickets were sold fifty cents a ticket or three tickets for a dollar. The funds raised will go to conferences or sponsored activities.

So far the Newman Club has sponsored a movie night in the commons where they watched the movie "Baby Boom." They hosted a guest speaker, Father Bob Schremmer from Hoisington. They also made suckers for children at Halloween. They planned a Christmas party with a gift exchange. They went caroling to the local hospice.

The club meets every other Tuesday at 12:35 in room 217 of the union. There are about 20 members.

"We're trying to reconstruct it this year because last year they had a difficult time getting it started and it kind of died out. It helps you develop social skills and leadership abilities," Skolaut said.

Dennis Dinkel, Victoria sophomore, a member of the Newman Club football team, attempts to catch the football during an intramural flag football game. (Photo by Busariand Rogers)



Students excell in academics

By Julie Waknitz

Who founded the first psychological laboratory at the University of Leipzig, Germany in 1879? When was the Battle of Waterloo fought?

These are a few of the questions one may be required to answer if involved in the Academic Excellence Challenge Team.

The members compete by starting out with twenty-four toss up questions that are asked during a match. Each question is worth ten points. If a member on the team buzzes in and correctly answers a toss up question their team is then asked a bonus question. The bonus question is worth twenty points. The members have ten seconds to dis-

cuss and answer the question. The team with the most points wins.

"Monday through Wednesday we do research work for an hour each day and then on Thursday we compete among team members using the buzzers," said Monica Skolaut, Bushton freshman.

Sandy Donley, AEC sponsor, gives students a test to determine what areas he or she is strong in. She then decides the members of the team based on the student's attitude and test score. "She really tries to put a team together whose personalities work well together," said Leigh Suppes, Great Bend sophomore.

The members include: Leigh Suppes, Great Bend sophomore; Kristi

Cheshire, Bushton, sophomore; Shawn Cobb, Great Bend sophomore; Michael Petermann, Holyrood sophomore; Curtis Oberle, Claflin sophomore; Monica Skolaut, Olmitz freshman; Shelly Ziegler, Grainfield sophomore; Aaron Rittenhouse, Hanston freshman.

The questions are derived from categories which include math, history, economics, astronomy, English, computers, art, music, psychology, sociology, and physics.

"I have made a lot of good friends through AEC. I have also learned that these academic teams are very competitive. I've seen team members cry because they lost a match," said Suppes.



Curtis Oberle, Claflin sophomore; Michael Petermann, Holyrood sophomore; Leigh Suppes, Great Bend, sophomore; Monica Skolaut, Olmitz freshman; Shelly Ziegler, Grainfield sophomore; and Aaron Rittenhouse, Hanston freshman; compete against other AEC team members during a practice round using buzzers. (Photo by Merry Murray)

Shelly Ziegler, Grainfield sophomore and Aaron Rittenhouse, Hanston freshman listen intently as they are asked a question. (Photo by Merry Murray)

RHA: The voice of the students

By Angie Lang

Got a problem or complaint? Or just want to join a club that is fun and gives you a chance to meet people from other areas?

The Residential Housing Association has almost 200 students. Housing Director Bill Murry said, "RHA gives students a voice on their living conditions and is an outlet for complaints and comments."

Murry said he biggest complaint students had was about the food ser-

vice. This complaint was brought about by a petition. As a result RHA held a special meeting, inviting Jim Wychules, food service director, to address students concerns. A food service committee was formed to answer questions about the food.

Students also complained about unclean units and the amount of tissue provided. Students and housekeepers worked on a solution to these problems.

RHA also provides activities for

students. During the first semester, RHA went bowling, roller skating, and had a Halloween party, Oct.25, for the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization.

Plans to take the little brothers and sisters to basketball games are included in next semester's activities.

The officers of RHA are President, Debra Johnson, Lorraine sophomore; Vice President, Tonya Vallin, Long Island sophomore; and Secretary, Yvette Clark, Wichita sophomore.



Cordinator of Housing Bill Murry and RHA President Debbie Johnson, Lorraine sophomore, discuss upcoming activities for the organization. (Photo by Busarind Rogers)



Nursing students serve community

By Angie Lang

The Nursing club offers an opportunity for nursing students to get together to meet one another and perform community service.

The members are active in the blood drive held each semester on campus. When the bloodmobile comes to the college they take donors' blood pressure and temperature. They also collect food and clothing for the crisis center.

They plan to raise money this year by selling magnetic car tags with messages about Barton County Cougars or nursing.

The nursing club plans to take a trip to a large hospital where the students can see new procedures and equipment.

This year's officers are President Jamie Parr, Great Bend sophomore and Secretary/Treasurer Doris Puckett, Great Bend sophomore. Sandy Haas is the adviser. So far 60 students have joined the club.

Band promotes spirit

By Shelly Flaherty

The band is having a year filled with activities.

Besides a trip to Texas, the band participates in pep assemblies and ball games, a Christmas parade down Main Street, spring and winter concerts, and a two-day tour of area high schools.

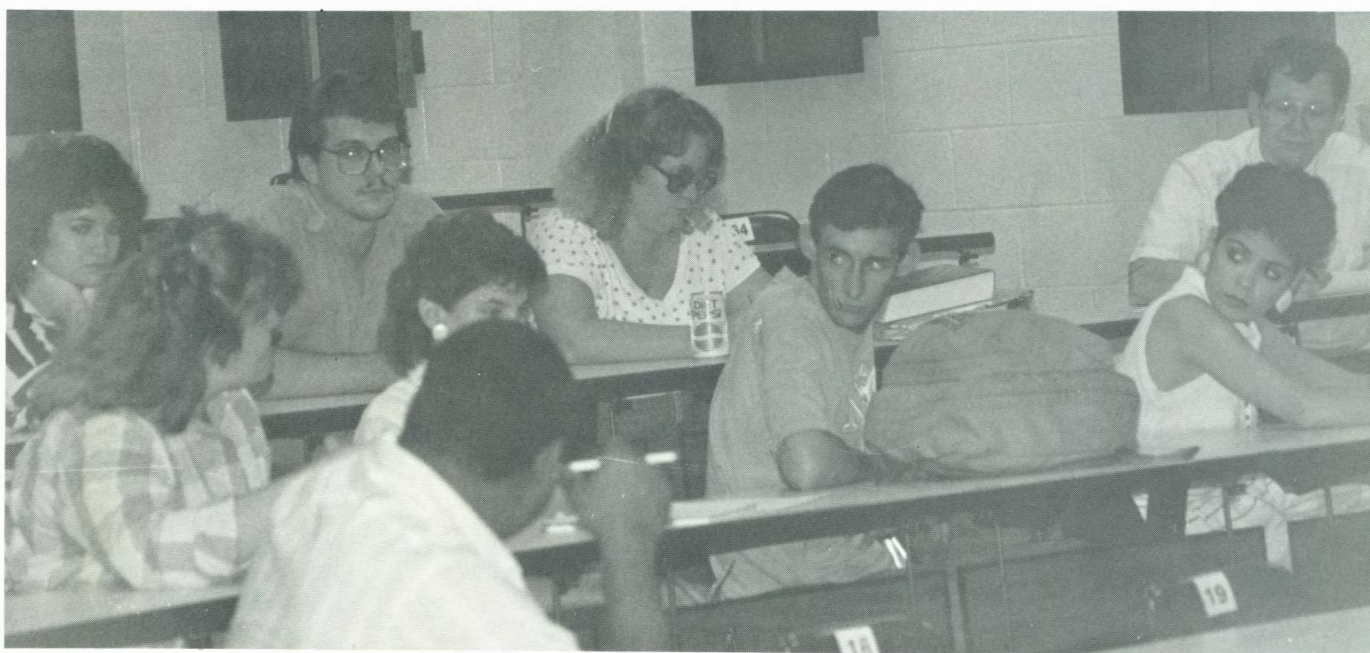
The band is made up of 44 students directed by J.B. Webster, music instructor.

"We play a wide variety of music; light concert, rock, swing, jazz, pep, pop, a little of all styles," Webster said.

"I hope the students in the band have a fun and pleasurable year and their experiences are ones they will remember for the rest of their lives as a highlight of their college years."



Tonya Letourneau, Claflin freshman, Tori Ehrlich, Russell freshman, and Connie Jo Staudinger, Claflin sophomore, cheer the Cougars on to victory by playing in the pep band. (Photo by Steve Moris)



Phi Theta Kappa plans trip to national convention

By Shelly Flaherty

Phi Theta Kappa, the National Honor Society for two-year and community colleges, is the largest honor society in Kansas.

BCCC has 39 returning members. To be accepted into Phi Theta Kappa, students must have at least 30 credit hours, a 3.25 GPA, and four letters of recommendation from faculty members.

"We had to have that many faculty recommendations because we can only accept four percent of full-time enrollment," said Charles Babb, Phi Theta Kappa sponsor.

This year, members of Phi Theta Kappa plan to attend the state convention in Pratt, hold fund-raisers to earn money for a trip to the national convention in Atlanta, and work with student services in an outreach program about why it's important to stay in school.

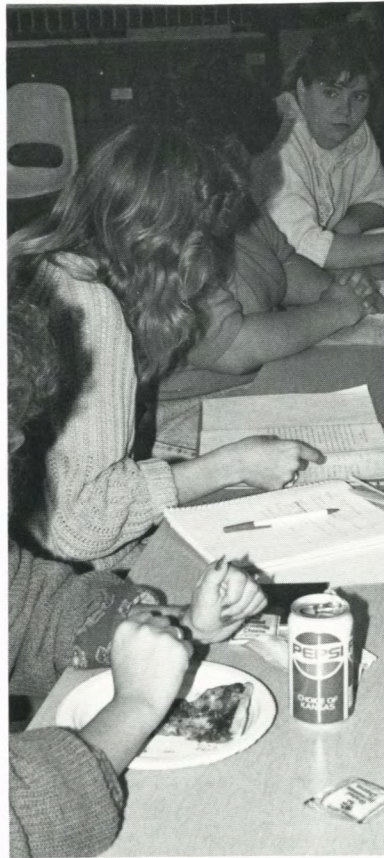
Babb said, "I enjoy working with a group that I believe is made up of the best students on campus. They've demonstrated that they're good students and I think they're wonderful people."



Charles Babb, Phi Theta Kappa adviser, meets with members to discuss ways to earn money for a trip to the national convention. (Photo by Merry Murray)

Occupational Therapy

Barbara Eis and other members of the OT club eat pizza during a meeting to plan fund raisers for the semester. (Photo by Merry Murray)



By Tammy Likes

Occupational therapists work with people of all ages who are either physically or psychologically disabled. Their goal is to help the patient reach his fullest potential.

Occupational therapists find jobs in many areas, some include mental retardation, arthritis, nursing homes, school systems, and pain clinics.

Any student who is enrolled in the Occupational therapy program at Barton County Community College can belong to the OT club. They do window washing, make craft projects, and hold bake sales to raise funds to send their students to the National Convention.

The Occupational Therapy Officers for the 1988-89 year are President Sharenne Mullen, Great Bend sophomore, Vice President Barabara Eis, Perry sophomore, Secretary Jonna Priest, Elkhart sophomore, Treasurer Dianna Shoemaker, Ellis freshman, Historian Tyro Ruiz, Dodge City sophomore, and Student Senate Representative Timothy Johnson Abilene sophomore.



Front Row: Occupational Therapy Club President Sharenne Mullen, Great Bend sophomore, Secretary Johna Priest, Elkhart sophomore, Historian Tyro Ruiz, Dodge City sophomore. Back Row: Advisor Gloria Custer, Club member Peggy Crowe, Great Bend freshman, Vice President Barbara Eis, Perry sophomore, and Student Senate Representative Timothy Johnson, Abilene sophomore. (Photo by Merry Murray)

By Tammy Likes

"Today's Students. Tomorrow's Business Professionals," is the slogan for Business Professionals of America formerly known as the Office Education Association.

Who belongs? Any student who is enrolled in any business class at BCCC can belong to BPA. Compared to last year, membership has almost doubled.

Officers for the 1988-1989 Business Professionals of America are President Tamara Likes, Claflin sophomore; Vice President Joy Kear, Hoisington sophomore; Secretary Kristi Schremmer, Claflin freshman; Treasurer Darcy Harper, Tribune freshman; Reporter Kim Winter, Ness City freshman; Parliamentarian Denise Rowe, Ness City freshman; Student Senate

Representatives Angela Noblitt, Great Bend sophomore; and Jena Williams, Oakley freshman.

Members of BPA attended a fall conference at Hutchinson, will attend a spring conference in Wichita where members compete at the state level. If a member qualifies at the state level they advance to the National Leadership Conference in Dallas to compete at nationals.

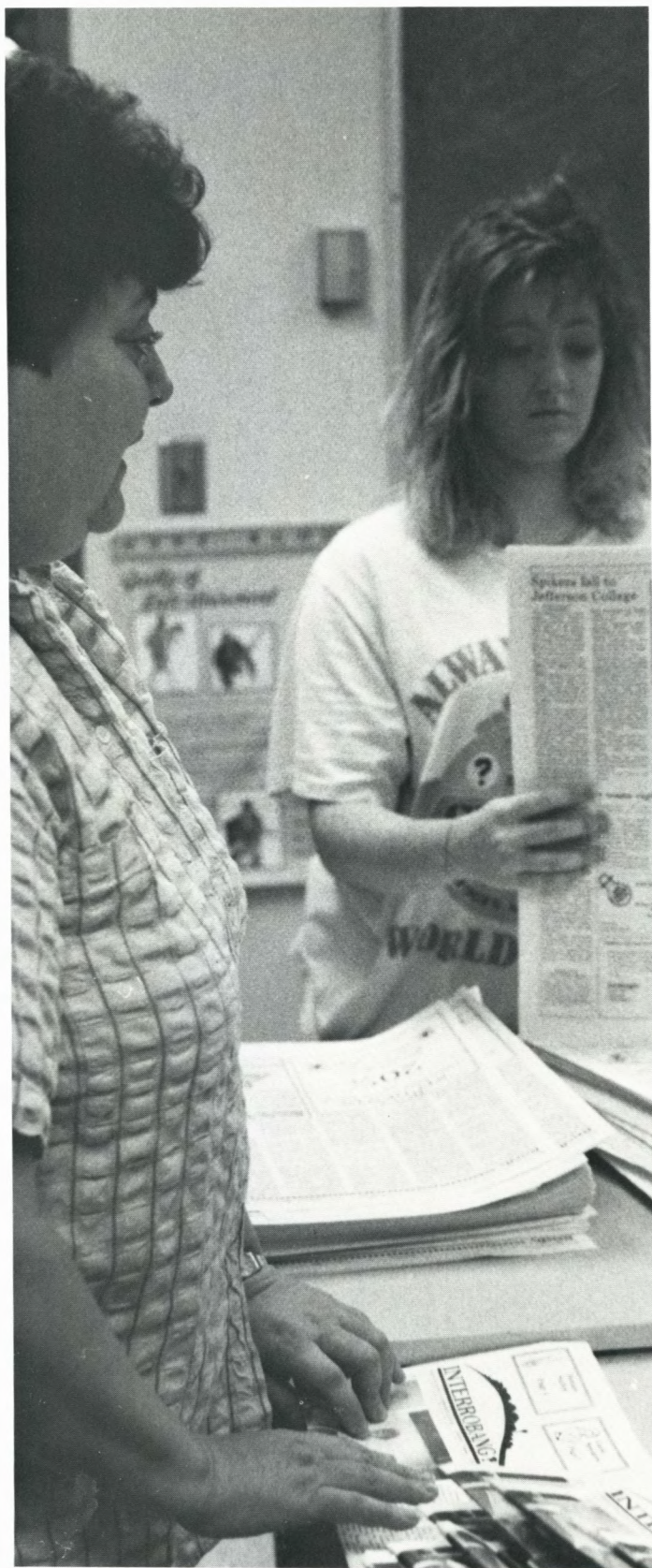
Also members of the BPA have activities they participate in throughout the year. They earn money for the club by selling key chains, calendars, and posters, take information from Blood donors at the fall and spring blood drive held on campus, make Halloween treats and deliver them to the Child Care Center and visit Cherry Village, a retirement center in Great Bend.

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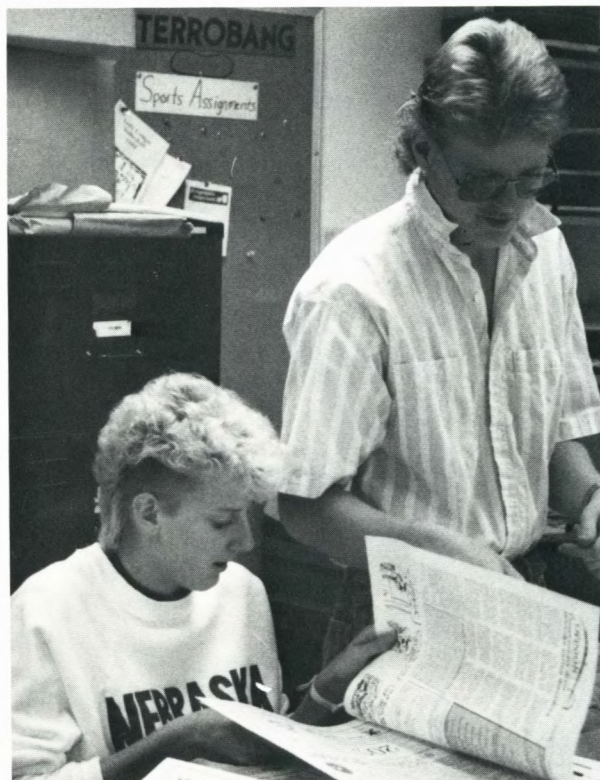
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Lanara Luthi, journalism instructor and Samantha Farr, Weskan sophomore, fold the **Interrobang** so it can be distributed on campus. (Photo by Steve Moris)



Jody Richardson, Hebron, Neb., freshman and Shawn Thrasher, Wilson freshman read the **Interrobang** before they distribute it. (Photo by Steve Moris)

News you can use

By Julie Waknitz

Students and faculty at Barton County Community College look forward to every other Thursday to read the **Interrobang**.

Students and faculty can find out the latest goings-on at school and future schedules for sports, clubs and activities. They also find out local news and student's opinions.

Many long hours go into the work of creating one paper that comes out bi-weekly. "I like working on the **Interrobang** because I always find out what's going on and get to know people," said Julie Wine, Wichita freshman.

The Performance Thesis Spoke this year is putting

out two yearbooks in magazine style. In past years the yearbook has come out during fall enrollment and several students especially sophomores that have graduated are not able to return and pick up their yearbook. This year one of the yearbooks will be distributed at spring enrollment. It will include features and clubs. The second yearbook will be given out before graduation and it will include faculty, athletics, and students.

Other journalism classes offered at BCCC include; Introduction to Mass Media, Beginning Reporting, Advanced Reporting, and Introduction to Broadcasting.

Musicians practice

Area wide performances due in spring

By Julie Waknitz

Hilltops are one of the many clubs that represent Barton County Community College. "Hilltops is basically a show group," said Sam Scott, Larned sophomore. Throughout the year the Hilltop performers sing at a variety of clubs and organizations in Barton County and surrounding areas. Not only do they sing they learn choreography to go along with the songs.

While Hilltops are touring surrounding towns Ken Shaheen is able to recruit new members for Hilltops for the upcoming semester. "To become a member of Hilltops you must audition for Ken Shaheen during the spring semester," said Cindy McIntosh, Great Bend sophomore.

Members of the Hilltop singers are: Sonja Alpers, Hudson sophomore; Miriam Biays, Ellinwood freshman; Mike Cole, Great Bend freshman; Dolena Evans, Great Bend freshman; Devon Guliford, Great Bend freshman;

Kevin Horsch, Lyons sophomore; Mic Huddleston, Larned sophomore; Teresa Johnson, Great Bend Freshman; Tiffanie Kaiser, Great Bend freshman; Troy Kaiser, Claflin sophomore; Cindy McIntosh, Great Bend sophomore; Charlene McKintrick, Macksville freshman; Doug McNett, Great Bend freshman; J.B. Morrison, Great Bend freshman; Lori Peter, Ellinwood sophomore; Kris Reed, Hoisington sophomore; Sam Scott, Larned sophomore; Tyler Stephenson, Great Bend sophomore; Nicole Streit, Beloit freshman; Chris Strobel, Macksville freshman; Brock Wenciker, Tribune sophomore; and Sean Winter, Great Bend Freshman.

"I tried out during the fall because I heard there was a space open for a bass. Five or six guys tried out for the part and I got it," said Scott.

Scholarships are given to those involved in Hilltops. "It provides the money to get through school," said McIntosh.

"We practice three hours a week and every once in a while we have a night time rehearsal," said Scott.

The girls have a specific dress made and the guys rent tuxes. This year the dresses are black and so are the tuxes.

This year the Hilltops will be traveling to San Antonio, Texas, April twelfth through the seventeenth, they will be judged on their performance. They were also invited to KMEA in Wichita.

"Hilltops gives you a sense of being involved in a group especially if you're not involved in anything else. It also will give you ideas if you're a music major for things you can do when you have your own class," said McIntosh.

Hilltop members are also in the BCCC choir in which there are thirty-five members who perform twice during the year at the Fall and Spring Concerts.



Miriam Biays, Ellinwood freshman; Devon Guliford, Teresa Johnson, Tiffanie Kaiser, all Great Bend freshman; Chris Strobel, Macksville freshman; Brock Wenciker, Tribune sophomore; Troy Kaiser, Claflin sophomore; Dolena Evans, Great Bend freshman; Kris Reed, Hoisington sophomore; and Cindy McIntosh, Great Bend sophomore; practice for Hilltop choir with director Ken Shaheen. (Photo by Steve Moris)

Students interested in jobs either now or in the future took the opportunity to visit prospective employers on Career Day. Helen Pedigo, coordinator of financial aid, talks to one of the participants. (Photo by Merry Murray)



DEC competes locally, nationally

By Angie Lang

Delta Epsilon Chi is a student organization of people who are interested in marketing occupations.

The purpose of this group is to compete with other colleges in different categories of marketing at state level. The clubs top six qualifiers then go on to Nationals, which is held in Orlando, Florida.

Selling Tom Watts, which

is a box of Christmas decorations, stocking stuffers, calenders, ect., has become a big money raising project. These proceeds will go towards the trip to Orlando.

On Oct.16 the club members bowled for the fight of Muscular Distrophy. They recieved donations of about one thousand dollars and was then donated for Jerry's Kids.

DEC consists of 25 students and this year's officers are; President Robert McManus, Pawnee Rock sophomore; Vice President Vicki Maeder, Great Bend freshmen; Treasures Chris Manry, Great Bend freshmen and Dana Randolph, Great Bend freshmen; Reporter Aimee Willesden, Great Bend freshmen; Student Council Representative Jodie Deshazo, Ness

City sophomore and Secretary Julie Atteberry, Garfield sophomore. The advisors are Paul Hedland and Jane Howard.

Students in DEC are taught how to benefit themselves in the world of business. Advisor Paul Hedland said, "I really try to stress hands on business education and try to prepare students for entry work in management."

Club raises money for Chicago trip

By Angie Lang

Most of the Aggie Club membership is students majoring in agriculture, but anyone interested in the area is welcome to join. At the present there are 12 club members.

The officers are President Kurt Werth, Great Bend sophomore; Vice President Duane Feldman, Great Bend sophomore; Secretary Randy Demel, Claflin sophomore; Reporters Darrell Shippy, Woodbine sophomore, and Kelly Wondra, Great Bend sophomore.

Some of the spring fund raising activities the members are planning include: Bid for Bachelors, a carnival, and bed races. These activities are a way to raise money for a field trip to the Chicago Board of Trade.

By visiting the Chicago Board of Trade, the students get the chance to see how it operates and how prices are set for agriculture products.

Werth said, "It's a good way to see the business side of ag."

The members are also planning to visit machinery plants and local feed lots, to help understand how these businesses are run and what type of work it takes to make these businesses successful.

"The Aggie Club is a chance to get together with people that share the same interests. We usually have fun in doing so," Werth said. "It's not all work and no play."

LAE patrols with Wichita police

By Angie Lang

Lambda Alpha Epsilon is an organization for students interested in studying criminal justice.

LAE, a chapter of a national organization, was incorporated in 1971 by Sigma Phi Omega and is considered the oldest fraternity on campus.

The club organized a car wash to raise funds during the first semester. They charged \$25 to wash and wax, and \$10 to wash. The proceeds were used to pay

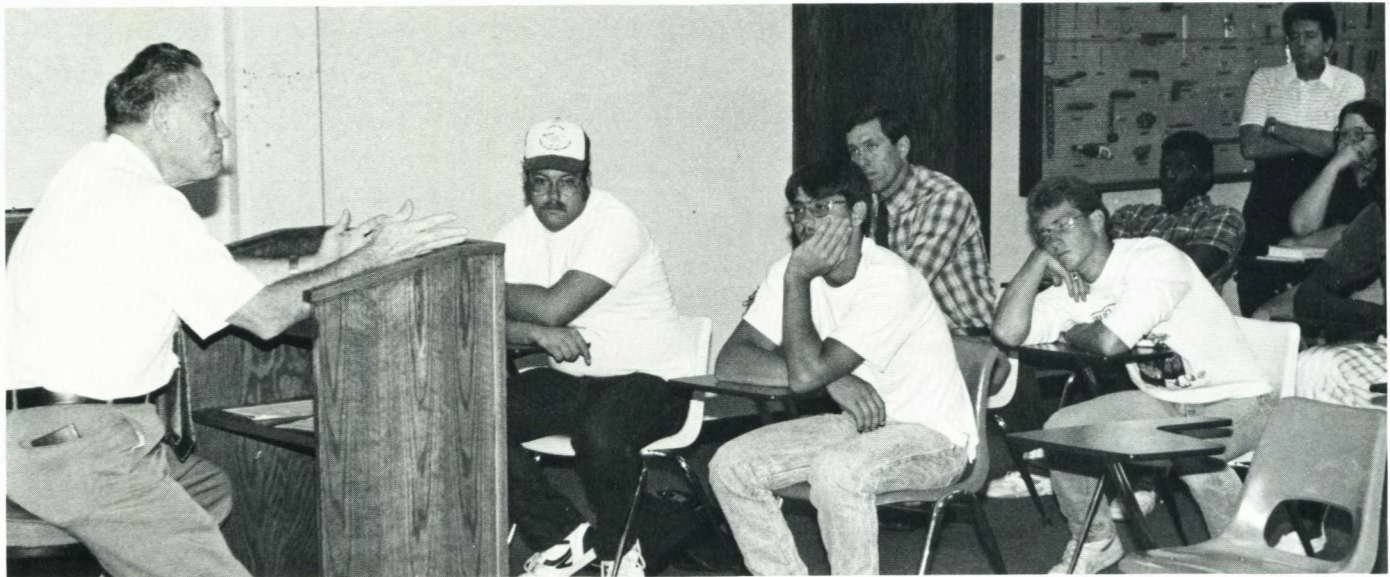
for a trip to Wichita.

They spent a weekend in Wichita where they toured the police station and rode with patrol officers.

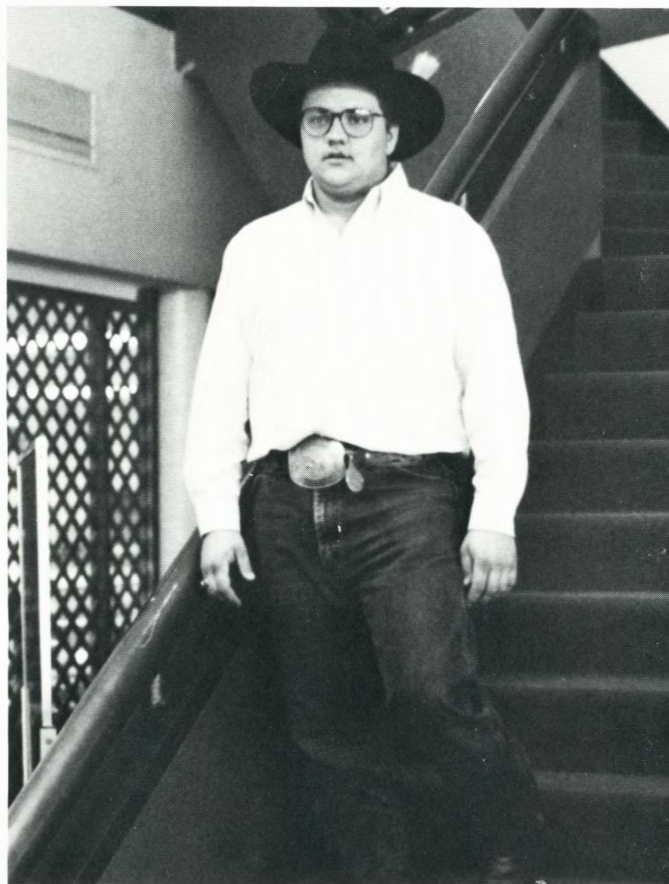
John Fulk, Stafford sophomore, said "It gave us an idea of what a more complex department is like, while there, we went to bars and busted minors."

During second semester they are planning to spend a week in to Denver. They will also go on tour and get to ride with officers at night.

This year's officers are President Travis Kershner, Great Bend sophomore; Vice President David Murhpy, Plainville sophomore; Senate Representative Karla Novak, Randall sophomore; Alternate Senate Representative Darron Leiker, Great Bend freshman, and Secretary-Treasurer Christa Scruggs, Alexandria, Va, freshman. Coordinator/Instructor of Criminal Justice Gary Pedigo is the advisor.



Members of LAE listen to guest speaker, while he talks of criminal justice. (Photo by Merry Murry).



Campus cowboy Mark Brungardt, Great Bend sophomore, never leaves home without his hat, boots and belt buckle. (Photo by Steve Moris)

Ever since Adam and Eve first draped on green leaves as clothing, America has been fashion conscious. But the rag business has come a long way since Adam and Eve. America has seen a cycle of the same fads and fashions reincarnated for a different generation.

Just as fashion designers set the tones, the trends, and the fads, the TV and movie industries also influence the way America dresses. The movie "Dirty Dancing," boosted the scissors industry as many girls and some guys cut off their Lee's and Levis to the their knees for a new old look, a look also popular in the 1960's.

According to US magazine, the movie "Bull Durham," increased the sale of garter belts by 15 percent, and the movie "Top Gun," started a leather and military look.

TV stars such as Don Johnson of "Miami Vice" started a fashion trend as many men went unshaven and sported the causal jackets and baggy pants to look like the flashy TV detective.

Most TV and film stars have their own designers like Carolyne Roehm, who according to US magazine, sells \$10 million wholesale a year peddling her fashions to such stars as Aretha Franklin and Diane Sawyer.

These stars will pay anywhere from \$350 to \$8000 dollars for the Carolyne Roehm name. Big name designs are important to a star's image but how important are they to those of us not in the spotlight?

Barton County Community College student Mary Valerio, Chicago sophomore, said, "Brand names don't bother me, and people wear them so that others will think they have style."

Carie Smith manager at Brass Buckle in Great Bend said people will pay anywhere from \$35 to \$50 dollars for brand names jeans like Guess and Pepe.

Valerio also said, "Here on campus everyone dresses like everyone else and I see a lot of what I saw last year."

Alice Clapsaddle, coordinator of home economics, said, "One thing I notice about students is that as freshmen, students tend to dress like they did in high school. Then once they adapt they are not into fads as much they dress more sophisticated and relaxed."

Clapsaddle teaches clothing and society. In this class students study different fashion cultures and the history of fashion to discover why people dress the way they do.

The class also profiles fashion designers, comparison shops, and designs a garbage bag costume.

Clapsaddle said the best time to wear fun, fad clothes is when you are young. She said, "Mini skirts didn't work for the older woman because she had already worn them before."

Clapsaddle said she admires fashion styles here on campus as well as public figures.

She said student Valerio, "always makes a statement with her clothes. Debbie Warren dresses for her image, danceline, and non-traditional,"

She also said, "Bob Rumble is always coordinated and looks the part of an administrator."

Clapsaddle said she admires movie star Catherine Hepburn. "She always wears clothes to fit her style."

"Jacqueline Kennedy set the tone for the world, there hasn't been anyone like her since."

On the flip side of the best dressed is the worst dressed. Clapsaddle said, "Yoko Ono has no sense of style." She also said, "Don Johnson's unshaven look is tacky."

It has been said clothes make the man, and there maybe some truth to that expression. People dress for themselves as well as for other people. Clapsaddle said, "People should dress for who they are."

Fashion Fits the Individual



Linda Ganstrom, art instructor, Mary Varlerio, Chicago sophomore, and Kathleen Arnold, Great Bend sophomore, make a pretty picture in some of the latest fashions. (Photo by Busarind Rogers)

Weight lifting for health

By Julie Waknitz

Most people when they think of weightlifting think of a guy with bulging biceps. Weightlifting has become more popular now than it has been in the past.

In the past weightlifting was mainly for athletes involved in sports. It still is, but other people are becoming more involved, especially women.

Several people lift weights just to keep in shape. From a health stand point it strengthens the heart and cardiovascular system.

"More people are starting to lift weights because of heart conditions and just for their health. A lot of people are dying at the age of 30 due to heart attacks because they're not physically fit," Mike Warren, weightlifting instructor, said.

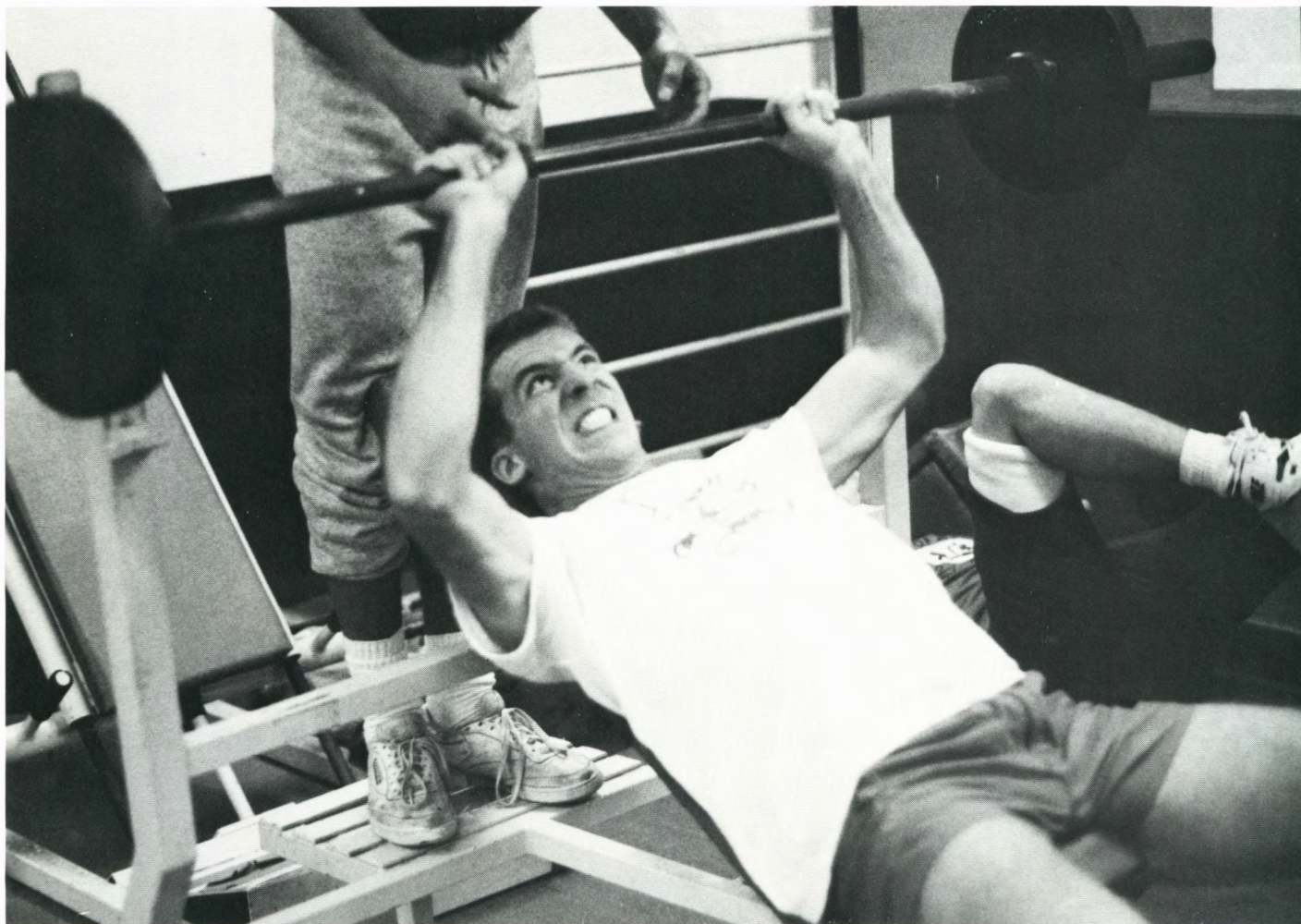
Warren said he would like to encourage more people to lift

weights for exercise rather than just consider the sport for athletes only.

Most Barton County Community College athletes are required to lift weights to increase endurance and strength.

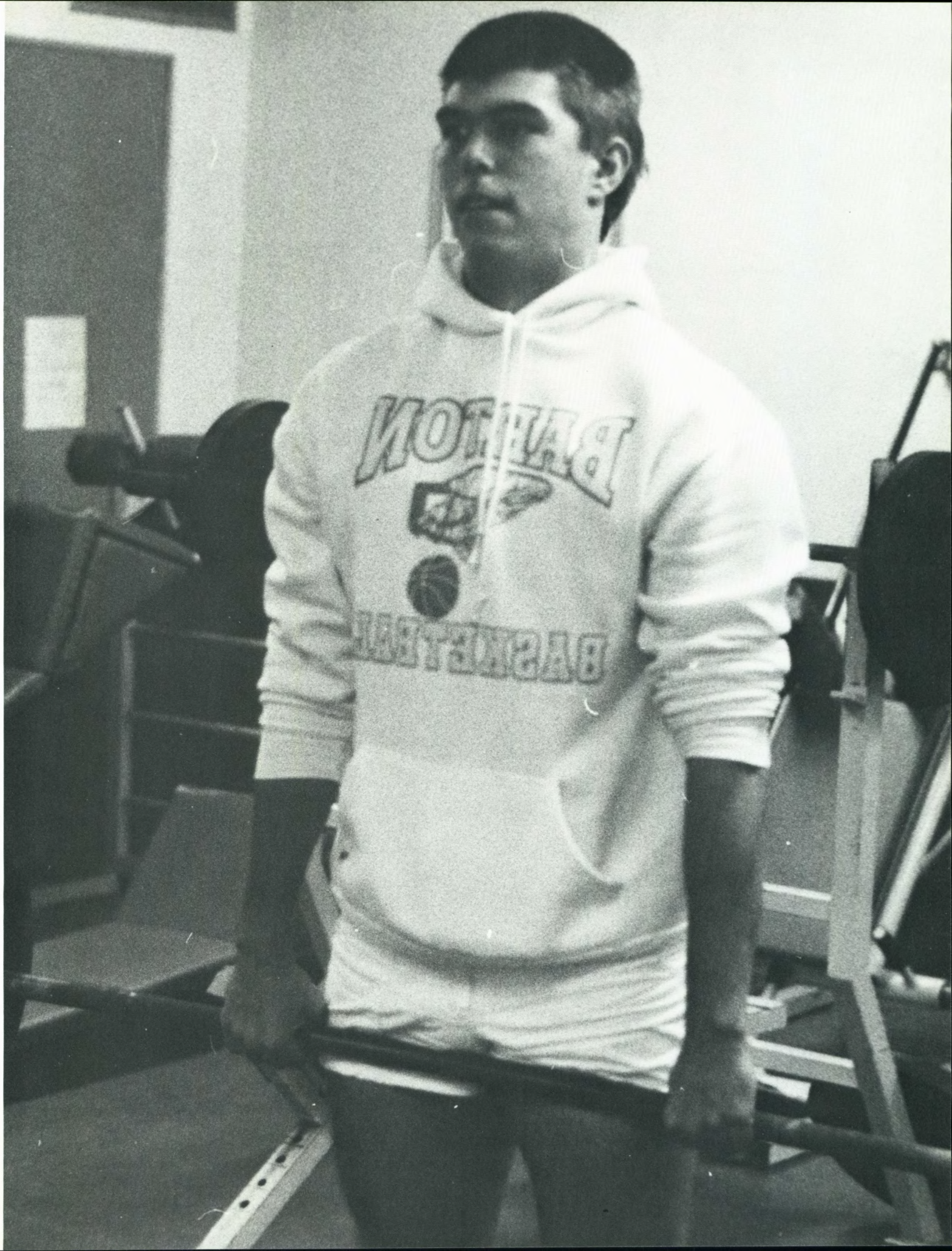
"I lift weights to keep in shape. It helps with quickness on the tennis court and gives me power on my serves and strokes," said Miriam Biays, Ellinwood freshman. "I have to lift weights for cheerleading. I benefit by not dropping my partner as much," Mike Patrick, Ellinwood freshman, said. "Weightlifting has helped me with my strength. It has made stunting easier and helped with tumbling," Alex Mitchell, Liberal sophomore, said.

Next time you think of weightlifting, a guy with bulging biceps should not cross your mind. Think of a person who wants to keep in shape and is concerned with his health.



Tim Churchman, Kansas City freshman, lifts weights to keep in shape when baseball is out of season. (Photo by Steve Moris)

Todd Kraft, Bushton freshman, checks his form in the mirror as he lifts weights to keep in shape. (Photo by Steve Moris)



A Slice of Life

Tina Schinstock, Kinsley freshman, Tyler Stephenson, Great Bend sophomore, and Mark Hungate, Larned freshman, work on background used in the fall play. (Photo by Merry Murray)

Brock Wenciker and Chris Curtright, Great Bend sophomore, practice their lines for the play. (Photo by Steve Morris)

By Tammy Likes

Bob Loss, drama instructor said, "Theatre as a whole takes a slice of life and portrays it so the audience can relive and relate to the slice of life."

Barton County Community College offers classes in acting, play production, musical theater, stage craft and make-up for any student who is interested in the theatre. Many students take these classes out of curiosity, special interest or because they may fit a humanities requirement for graduation.

Students majoring in drama also take these classes.

Loss and students from BCCC put on two plays during the school year, one in the fall and one in the spring.

Auditions are not limited to drama majors, anyone with an interest in acting or working behind the scenes can participate.

The college also produces a musical in the early spring each year. Members of the surrounding communities and college students become involved in the production. The musical planned for next spring is "Annie."

Auditions were held in December and work on the set, music and dialog began immediately.





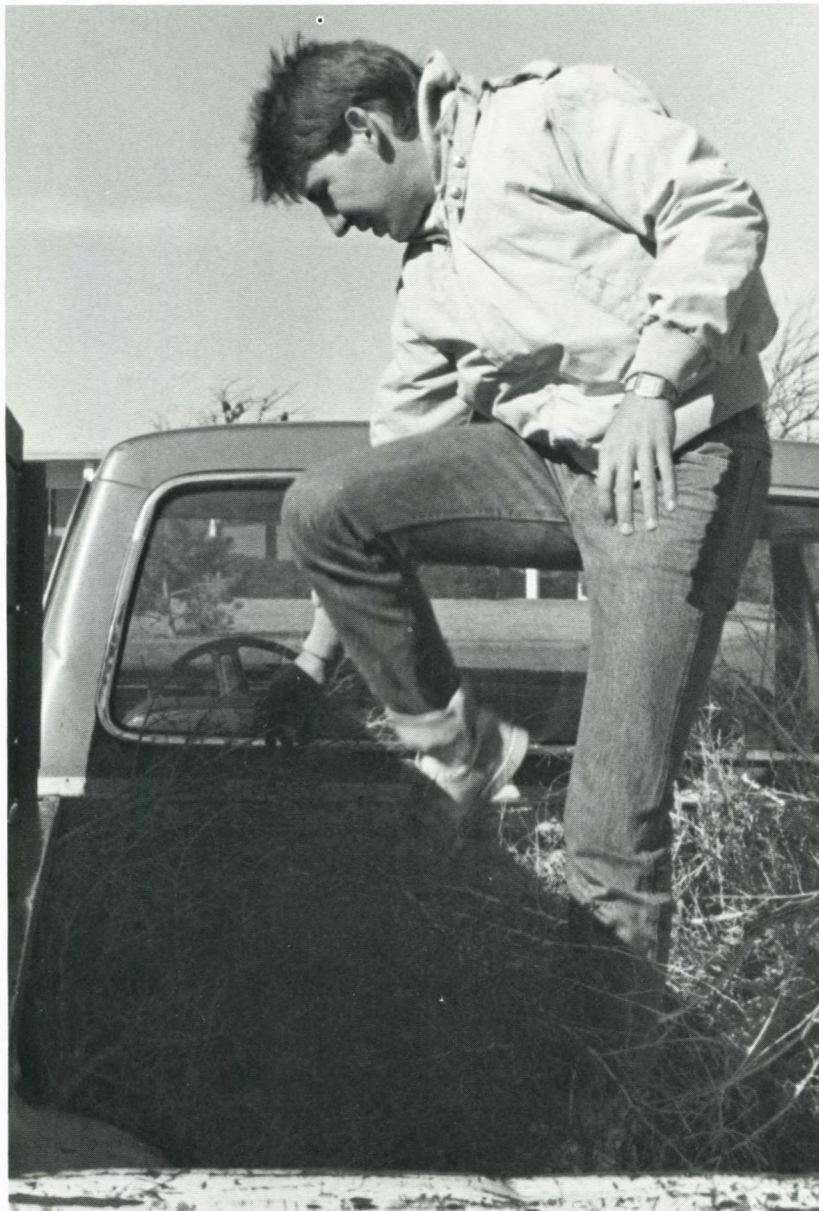
Alan Baxter, Great Bend sophomore, helps create the stage sets for the fall play. (Photo by Steve Moris)

During the "Suprise Nooner" Michael Petermann, Holyrood sophomore, Rick Miller, Wilson sophomore, and Gary Fox, Ellinwood sophomore, act out an excerpt from "The Foreigner." (Photo by Merry Murray)

Brock Wenciker, Tribune sophomore, talks quietly to his friend on the phone while trying to hide the fact that he can speak English in the fall play. (Photo by Steve Morris)



Jobs pay expenses



Gerard Fortin, Grinnell sophomore, wrestles with the campus tumble weeds that have blown across campus in the the strong Kansas winds. (Photo by Merry Murray).

By Karen Draper

Being a college student is just enough by itself to pull out one's hair. It demands a lot of time and effort. Adding a job to one's academic responsibilities can increase the pressures of college life. Some Barton County Com-

munity College students work to help pay for their education. Others work for extra money and for the up-keep of a car. Whatever the reason, a job during college years can help provide the means for receiving a college diploma.

Chandra Slack, Greensburg freshman pours beer to help pay for her education. Slack works at the South End Bar in Great Bend. She averages about 30 hours a week and goes to work at 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. She also gets up at 7 a.m. the following mornings for class. Slack says she pours beer, washes a few dishes and helps out when the cook is busy. Her father owns the bar and she knows most of the customers fairly well.

Heather Mathies, Great Bend freshman works 15 to 20 hours a week at Revco for extra money. She said, "I have a Ford to support." She said her employers are flexible with her schedule because she gets off work for her class on Monday nights. Mathis is a cashier and a stockperson at the local drug store.

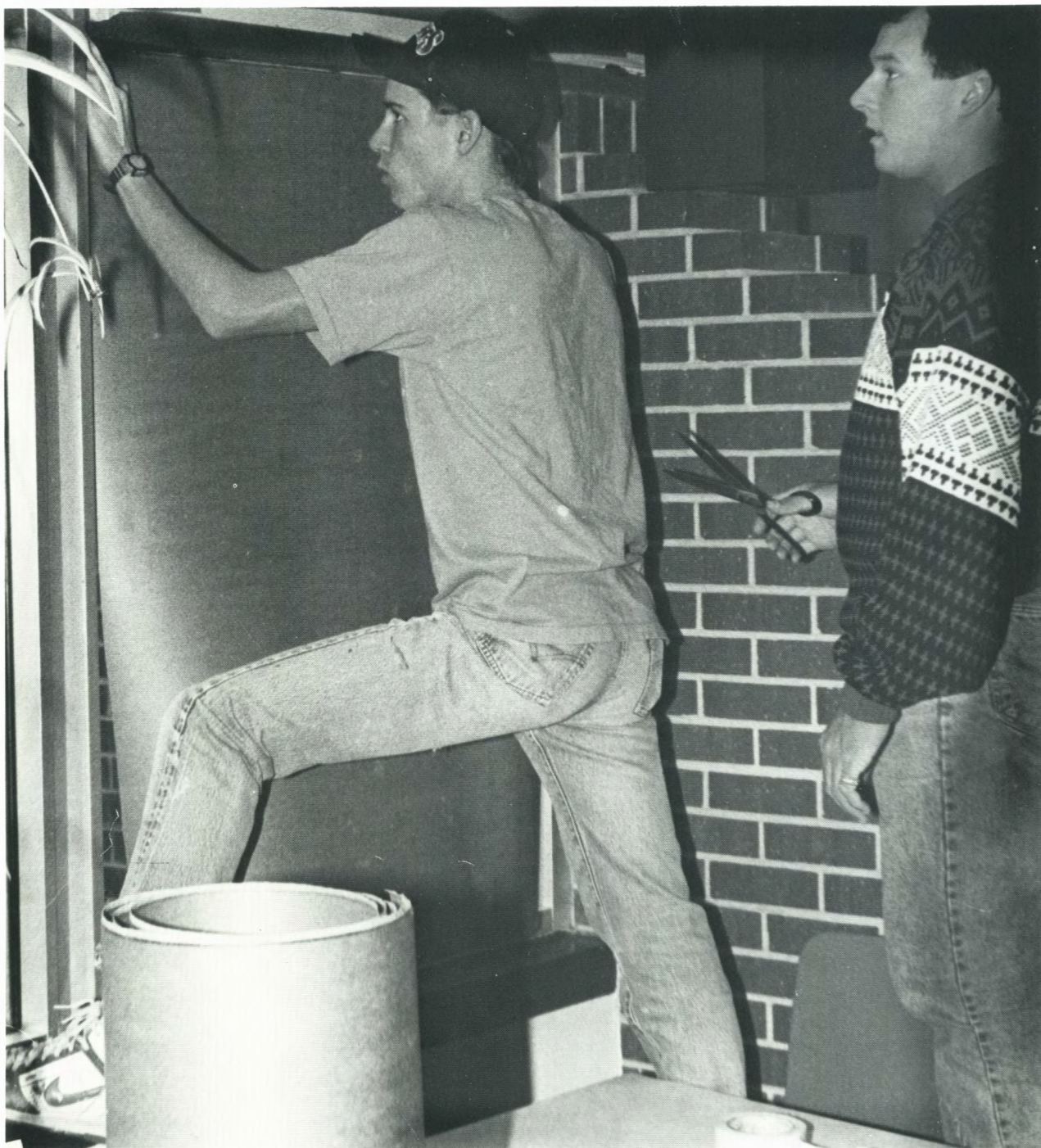
Darci Berryman Great Bend sophomore, works in Student Affairs on the BCCC campus. She spends eight hours a week making posters, typing invoices and answering phones. She said she likes her job and having the extra money.

Gerard Fortin, Grinnell sophomore, literally works on the campus. He does grounds work under the campus employment program to help pay for his education. Fortin said more than half of his earnings goes toward the amount he owes the college. "At times the job is bad, when the weather is bad." He works Monday-Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. He plants grass, mows and trims. He said, "I do general clean up of the campus."

According to Shellie Seeman, financial aid counselor, there are 179 students who received departmental awards. A departmental award requires a student to work in a certain department to receive their award.

There are 65 students who are on the college work study program. According to Ruth Bealer, personnel coordinator, there are 99 students on the campus employment program, making a total of 342 students working on campus.

Maintenance workers Greg Clark, Great Bend sophomore, and Paul Wolf, Great Bend sophomore, work on the windows in the student union. (Photo by Steve Buhler).



Penny Trevino, Ulysses sophomore, takes student pictures for identification cards at fall enrollment.(Photo by Steve Moris)





Ron Salisbury, Houston freshman, and Jerry Curtis Ellinwood freshman, supply sports spectators with concessions at basketball and volleyball games. (Photo by Steve Moris).

By Tammy Likes

Barton County Community College has an excellent child care facility according to the National Association for the Education of Young Children. BCCC's child care facility recently received a national accreditation which is a standard of excellence. Elleen Pike, director of the child care facility, calls it, "A business within the college."

Any child between the ages of two and a half and six whose parent or parents are enrolled at BCCC is eligible to attend. Children of faculty and staff are also eligible. The facility's program is based on the philosophy that most children can learn the skills necessary for success in school and life, that each child learns at his own rate, and that success in learning will develop the child's self-image.

The child care facility teaches a pre-school curriculum to the children who attend, Elleen Pike says, "Play is a child's work." Plans are being made for a playground to add to the facility.

BCCC students are involved in the facility. Students enrolled in the child care classes do a practicum the first semester to help them decide if they really enjoy working with children. Also students involved in campus employment and work study put in many hours working with the children.

BCCC Child Care Center

Having a lab site on campus is a big advantage for the students. Some students are placed at various child care facility in the surrounding areas.

Students plan the activities for the children as part of their curriculum. Some activities are a Halloween workshop, a Christmas workshop, a Day Camp in the spring for the children, and the snacks, which are always nutritious because Kool Aid and candy are not allowed.

The people involved with the child care facility would like to expand. They would like to add an infancy center and also evening care for the parents that attend evening classes.



Bobbie Elson, Great Bend freshman and Blake Letourneau, Claflin youngster participate in the Halloween workshop at BCCC. (Photo by Merry Murray)

Elleen Pike, Director of the Child Care Center and Alice Clapsaddle, Coordinator of the Child Care Center help prepare snacks for the Halloween Workshop. (Photo by Merry Murray)



Connie Frenzl, Claflin sophomore, Linda Watkins, Great Bend freshman, Trisha Graves, Burdett freshman, Melissa Doherty, Great Bend, freshman, and Becki Bushong, Geneseo, freshman, work with children during the Halloween workshop put on by students who are enrolled in the child care program. (Photo by Merry Murray)

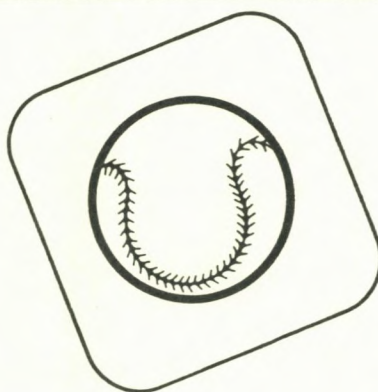


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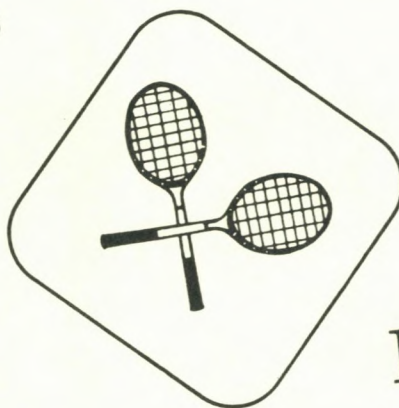
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